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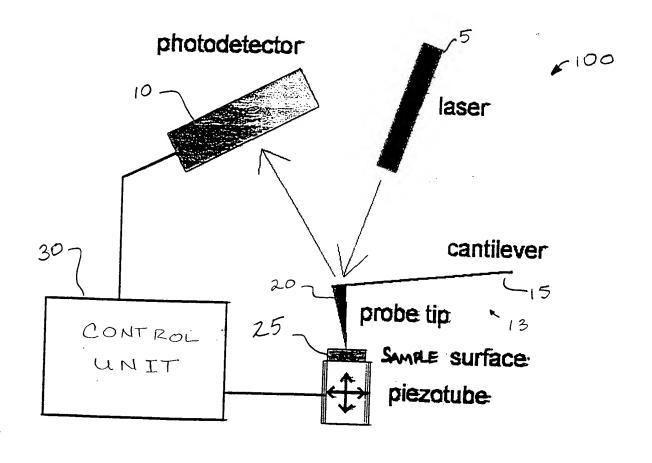
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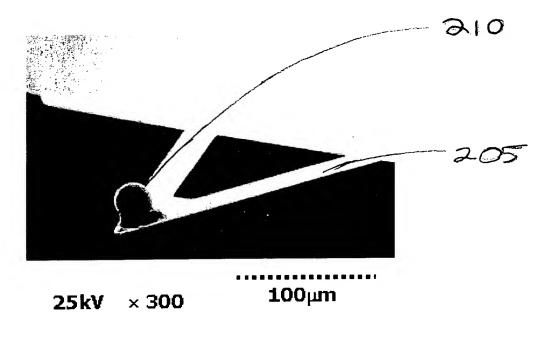
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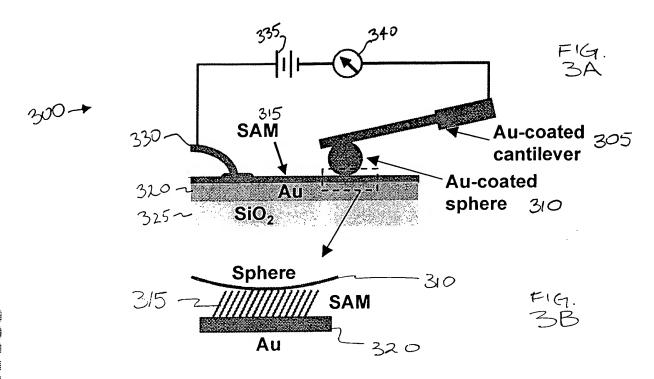
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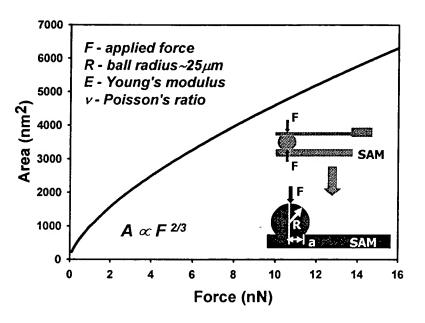
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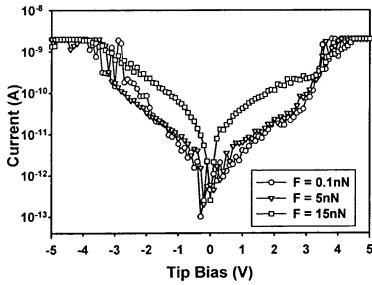




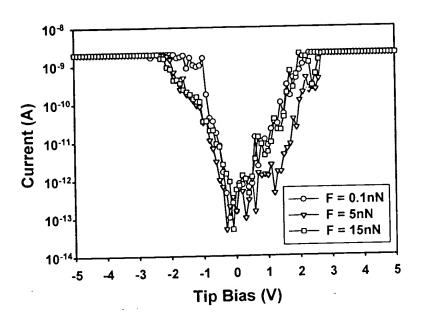


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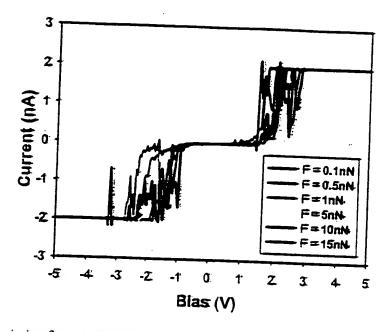
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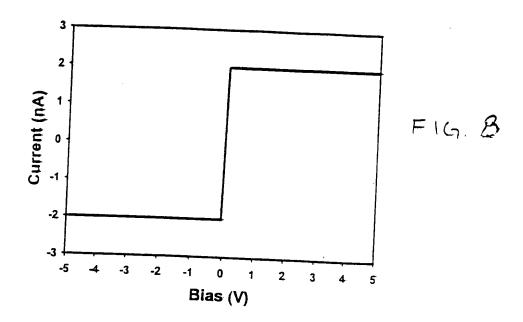
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I-V characteristics for a 1-Octadecanethiol monolayer self-assembled on a gold surface.

Characteristics vary relatively little for a wide range of tip forces.



I-V characteristic using a 25 micron diameter microsphere tip to measure a gold layer at a tip force of 0.1 nN (current limited to 2 nA).